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Spend a Saturday myth-busting at the Alamo

Annual Save Texas History symposium heads to site of legendary siege

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SAN ANTONIO — Contrary to Texas folklore, the battle of the Alamo was not fought on the coldest winter on record. Nor was the army comprised of all non-conscripted, civilian volunteers.

And did you know that there were over 20 survivors of the siege — not zero as commonly reported?

These and other myths surrounding the legendary standoff will be exposed during the fourth annual Save Texas History Symposium. “The Alamo: Mission and Myth” is set for Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Menger Hotel and the Alamo, in downtown San Antonio.

More than just a series of lectures inside a distant convention center, participants will be given an on-site and behind-the-scenes look at circumstances surrounding the battle of the Alamo exactly where it took place 177 years ago.

Speakers for this year’s symposium include many prominent Texas historians and scholars, including:

Alwyn Barr, professor emeritus and former chairman of the history department at Texas Tech University in Lubbock

Gilberto Hinojosa, longtime history professor at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio

Ret. Col. Thomas T. “Ty” Smith, author of numerous books and articles on the Texas frontier and military history

Andres Tijerina, Austin Community College professor and author and editor of several notable Tejano history books

Also speaking are Dr. Frank de la Teja, Dr. Stephen Hardin, Kristi Miller-Nichols, John Wheat, David Carlson, Kevin Klaus, and Galen Greaser.

Registration for the symposium is \$50, or \$62 with buffet lunch included. An optional Saturday evening reception with symposium speakers and an after-hours tour of the Alamo is \$70.

To register visit www.savetexashistory.org or call (512)463-3289.

The Texas General Land Office Save Texas History™ program is a statewide initiative to rally public support and private funding for the preservation and promotion of more than 35 million historic maps and documents.

Sponsors of this year's symposium so far include the Frontier Surveying Company, the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors, and the San Antonio Conservation Society, Inc.

WHAT: Save Texas History Symposium

WHO: Several prominent Texas historians, authors and scholars

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013

WHERE: The Alamo and the Menger Hotel

WHY: To set the record straight on this turning point in Texas history

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